



Today's  
Advertisements.

## VICTORIA ENGLISH SCHOOLS SPORTS.

THESE SPORTS will take place at the HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, the 6th instant, commencing at 10 P.M. All who are interested in Athletics are invited.  
By kind permission of Col. GORDON and OFFICERS the Part of the WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT will play from 1 P.M.  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [404]

## THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, PRINCE CENTRAL, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 22nd March, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1896, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 22nd inst., both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [405]

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.  
THE Company's Steamship

"NAMO." will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 7th instant, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [407]

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND CHINKIANG.  
THE Company's Steamship

"TAM-SUI." will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 7th instant, at Daylight.  
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Agents.  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [375]

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).  
THE Company's Steamship

"WUHU." will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 7th instant, at Daylight.  
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Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [376]

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Owing to our Special Steamer being delayed and on account of the crowded houses the past two nights

## WILLISON'S CIRCUS.

will remain in Hongkong all this week.

## RAZZLE DAZZLE

PICKED PROGRAMMES.  
—EVERY EVENING—

## TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) NIGHT

Under Distinguished Patronage Benefit tendered to

HARRY DIXON,  
Australia's Champion Jockey Act Rider.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME.  
GRAND

LOCAL HORSE LEAPING CONTEST FOR A

HANDSOME SILVER CUP,  
now on view at

G. FALCONER & CO'S.  
Entries should be sent in at once.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 4 P.M.  
FREE CHILDREN

Special FREE TICKETS issued Daily.

## SATURDAY NIGHT

GOOD-BYE TO HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1897. [401]

## OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship "GAELIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [402]

## THE OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1897.  
(Subject to Alteration.)

Chillingham..... Saturday..... 20th March.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

## THE Steamship

"CHITTAGONG" will be despatched hence for VICTORIA, (B.C.) and PORTLAND OREGON, via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 20th March.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in QUADRUPPLICATE; and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [403]

## Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSERS and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [427]

## NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to subscriptions, advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph," and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor," and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

While the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the free discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

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Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

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## Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be sent a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. THE SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. [6]

## DEATH.

On the 27th ult. at H.B.M. Consulate, Chfoo, AGNES VIOLET, eldest daughter of Thomas Lowndes and Florence L. E. BULLOCK.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1897.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

"WHITE ELEPHANTS."

"Penny wise and pound foolish" is an old proverb frequently illustrated by the powers that be in Hongkong, and of this we have a striking example in the steam pinnaces with which the authorities some time ago replaced the old police gigs.

The qualifications necessary for a police patrol boat, especially in a harbour like Hongkong, with its large floating population, are that she should be speedy, handy, and of very light draught, to enable her to work inshore and among the junks and boats in the bays; she should not be conspicuous, for if she is she cannot hang about off the shore and watch suspicious craft without attracting attention, and so far as is consistent with the performance of police duties, she should be able to keep the sea in heavy weather, to render assistance in case of accident. How many of these qualifications do the steam pinnaces possess? In the first place they fail miserably in being unable to keep the sea whenever it is at all rough, and they are generally the first instead of the last to make for shelter. They are very conspicuous, being the only craft of their class in the harbour, while their lights, the gleam of the fires on the awnings, and their white colour render them easily recognisable at a considerable distance, even at night. While too "cranky" to be of use in bad weather, they are too deep to enter shallow bays, and are difficult to handle among a crowd of small craft. Their speed, about eight knots, is so feeble that they are unable to overhaul the majority of the Hongkong launches, while, with a stiff breeze and a lumpy sea running, any junk or fast boat can keep well ahead of them. Their first cost, too, is considerably more than that of a gig; they cost more to keep up and are in fact more expensive in every way, and, although a saving may have been effected in the number of boats and in the strength of the crews, they are by no means as efficient as the gigs. Their sole recommendation seems to be that they make a more showy appearance than the old row-boats; but, in police matters at all events, utility is of more importance than symmetry of form, and consequently we should prefer to see the gigs, which can stand pretty heavy weather and go anywhere and everywhere, reinstated for ordinary duty, with larger, speedier, and heavier boats than the "white elephants" to support them in time of need and as a reserve.

## ACCLIMATISATION IN THE TROPICS.

In the *British Medical Journal* Dr. LUIOI SAMPSON discusses, in a long and interesting article, "The Possibility of the Acclimatisation of Europeans in Tropical Regions." The doctor points out that the unhealthiness of tropical countries is universally attributed to the direct influence of their climate, but that, the term "climate" is generally understood only to mean temperature. Although temperature is admitted to be one of the most important factors in the acclimatisation question, yet the physical and sanitary conditions of a place have also to be taken into account. Experience has shown that it is not the heat that kills, but the disease germs peculiar to the locality, and consequently it is these disease germs which have to be contended with. Of far more importance than the question of heat is that of adaptation to the natural surroundings of Europeans in a tropical country. The rules of life in hot climates are not studied or carried out, and as a matter of fact it is the European's system of living that is unsuited to the climate and not the European himself that precludes the possibility of his working in the excessive heat. Acclimatisation is, according to Dr. SAMPSON, merely a question of hygiene; that is to say, the tropics will cease to be less healthy than the temperate regions when we learn to adapt our mode of living to our natural surroundings. Of the truth of this statement we have ample proof in the history of Hongkong. Anyone who visits the Cemetery at Happy Valley must at once be struck with the fearful mortality among the troops in the early days of our occupation of this island as recorded on the monuments erected to their memory, and this, as is conclusively proved by the small death-rate to-day, is solely attributable to the fact that the necessary hygienic precautions were not, in the early days, taken or properly understood. The conclusions drawn by the writer are: First, that European emigrants can live and perpetuate their kind in tropical regions; secondly, that the difficulties in the way of colonisation are not due to climate, but to parasitism; thirdly, that acclimatisation is, to a great extent, a mere question of hygiene. We agree with Dr. SAMPSON, but feel in duty bound to add our testimony on this subject, and it is that to "fast," temperate, irregular, and "high" living may be attributed fully one-half of the deaths of Europeans resident in the Far East who go down with sorrow and grey hairs to an early, or comparatively early, grave.

## TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS-MESSAGES.

THE NIGER EXPEDITION.

LONDON, March 2nd.

A column of the Niger Company's forces has captured Bam.

THE BRITISH NAVAL PROGRAMME.

The Naval programme for the year provides for fourteen new ships, including four battleships, and an increase of 5,000 men.

THE POWERS, TURKEY, AND CRETE.

The Powers have presented a Collective Note to Constantinople and an identical one to Athens, declaring that the Government of Crete shall be autonomous under the suzerainty of the Sultan, and demanding that the Greek forces shall evacuate Crete within six days.

Lord Salisbury stated in the House of Lords that the Powers had agreed to the British proposal, except in regard to the withdrawal of Turkish troops from Crete.

Mr. Curzon in the House of Commons said that a union between Crete and Greece was impossible in face of the present attitude of the Powers.

(From *L'Avenir du Tonkin*.)

CHOLERA IN INDIA.

PARIS, February 23rd.

Cholera has made its appearance in the state of Rewa in Central India.

(Special to *N. C. Daily News*.)

CHINA'S NEW NAVY.

PEKING, February 25th.

The Imperial Government have decided to order four more armoured cruisers, two fast cruisers, and several torpedo destroyers, English type. This is owing to the great increase made recently in the navy of her neighbours. China will not order any large vessels of over 10,000 tons, as she has neither harbours nor docks suitable for them. The programme for some years to come will be to order vessels of 8,000 tons or so. The retrenchments made at the Palace of the Emperor, Empress, and Empress-Dowager are to be devoted towards strengthening the new navy.

LI HUNG-CHANG.

PEKING, February 25th.

There are indications of Li Hung-chang coming into fuller power soon, but there are still a great many attempts made to undermine his newly acquired influence over the Emperor. The Empress-Dowager is still Li's greatest champion and she is assisted in this by Prince Kung.

THE IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

PEKING, February 26th.

The Emperor has sanctioned the Imperial Bank of China under the following conditions as recommended by the Tsungli Yamen's report on His Excellency Sheng Hsin-hua's memorial—Name in Chinese to be "Imperial Chinese Bank of International Commerce," but in Europe and America, where there will be also branch offices in the capitals of the principal Powers, the name will simply be the "Imperial Bank of China." Capital to be Tls. 5,000,000 with power to increase. Only half is required at the commencement. Of this Sheng, who is also to be President of the Board of Directors, guarantees Tls. 1,000,000 to be subscribed by shareholders in the China Merchants' Co. and Chinese Yamen's Administration. The rest of the Board of Directors (to be twelve in number) will guarantee another Tls. 1,000,000. The balance of Tls. 3,000,000 to be offered in the principal cities of the Empire and to be subscribed by Chinese only. The Head Office is to be in Shanghai, and will have at least three Managing Directors, and will be opened at the same time as the Branch Office in Peking—early next April. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank will be the model of the new Bank and there will be a large and responsible staff of foreigners, in the Treaty Ports and foreign capitals. The Bank will be given the privilege of issuing notes, coining money, inventing Government deposits, and transacting business from the interior to Peking.

## TELEGRAMS.

After paying interest at the rate of 8 per cent, per annum to shareholders, a certain proportion will be paid in the shape of a bonus to Directors, and staff, and to form a reserve fund. Of the balance, 20 per cent, will be paid as royalty to the Government in return for protection and the above privileges, and 80 per cent, divided among the shareholders. Prospectus of Bank to be published in March, and three months after that date will be allowed for people in the interior to apply for shares, and six weeks for investors in Shanghai.

(From *Kobe Chronicle*.)

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

TOKIO, February 24th.

On the 23rd inst. Count Matsugata, the Premier, paid a visit to Marquis Ito, at Oiso, and asked his opinion on the currency question. It is reported that the Marquis said he thought this an opportune time for effecting a change in the currency, and expressed his approval of the scheme.

[In connection with the above subject Mr. Nao Nabekura, local agent for the Yokohama Specie Bank, courteously informed a *Telegraph* reporter to-day that he received a telegram on the 22nd inst., saying that the Bill had been submitted to the Diet on the previous day. Count Matsugata, who is the originator of the proposal, has had the subject in view for a long time past. The present ratio, Mr. Nabekura said, is gold 1 to silver 16 and the idea is to double the silver; the present price of silver enhances the value of gold and this will bring it down to one-half. There are now two standards in Japan, gold and silver, and when the new Act comes into operation there will be only one, gold. The Government's idea is not to make the change immediately, but to wait for six months at the option of the Ministry of Finance, and at the end of that time silver will take the place of a subsidiary coinage. Should the Act be passed it will come into force on October 1st. The free coinage of silver will be stopped as soon as the Act is passed.]

THE YUSEN KAISHA'S FOREIGN LINES.

TOKIO, February 24th.

A proposal to grant a special subsidy to the European and Trans-Pacific lines of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is to be submitted at an early meeting of the Cabinet.

THE WEST RIVER.

We are glad to be able to announce that the news published in this journal on Christmas Day, that the Chinese Government had arranged the terms of an agreement with Great Britain providing for the opening of the West River to foreign commerce and that the agreement would come into force at a comparatively early date, is now confirmed by information, of a thoroughly reliable nature, which we have been to some trouble to obtain.

It has already been stated in these columns that the West River will be opened to foreign trade and residence to June next, and we are now given to understand that it is *certain* to be opened as far as Wuchow is in June, and probably before the 1st June. Foreigners will be permitted to reside at Wuchow and Shanghai, while Siam, Tukling, and Suibing, on the West River, will be used as coaling, calling, and Customs stations.

A good deal of land has already been purchased by Chinese for foreigners at Wuchow, and the native officials at this city are making arrangements for the advent of foreigners.

The Steamboat Company has two well-powered and very serviceable steamers, built by the local Dock Company, ready to ascend the river, as soon as it is officially declared open, and in the meantime one of them is kept running regularly on the Macao route and the other is, we understand, carrying passengers and cargo between Hongkong and Whampoa.

It is evident, therefore, that, as the Steamboat Company has two steamers specially designed for the West River trade, no time will be lost in taking full advantage of the new order of things as soon as the Government issues the long-looked-for notification to the effect that Her Majesty's subjects are at liberty to carry on trade up to Wuchow and Samsan on the Si-kiang, or West River.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

INV. VENZA has been very prevalent in Tientsin lately.



## Intimations.

It is **WASTE OF TIME**  
for us to "puff" our preparations, as every maker's goods are "the best" in his own estimation.

**PEACH-BLOSSOM SOAP**  
AND  
**CHAMPAGNE BITTERS,**  
are number ONE.

Proprietors,  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1897.

**WATKINS & CO.**

**THE CLUB HOTEL,**  
5, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

**HOTEL METROPOLE,**  
1, TSUKUJI, TOKYO.

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervision of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT. Experienced English maîtres in attendance.

The Hotel steam-launch with European Agent attends arrivals and departures; every assistance given in clearing, luggages and affording information. Passengers are met at the Railway Station.

VISITORS have the option of meeting either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra charge. THE ONLY HOTEL OFFERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSER on the Premises.

Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.

THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.

**E. V. SIOEN, Manager,**  
YOKOHAMA.

**L. DEWETTE, Manager,**  
TOKYO.

**Dr. KNORR'S ANTIPIRYNE**

"LION BRAND."  
In Powder and Crystals, also in Drops of 5 grains, easily soluble in Water, Wine, &c.  
FEVER, RHEUMATIC AND NEURALGIC AFFECTIONS, NERVOUS AFFECTIONS.

**ARGONIN**

(Registered Trade Mark).  
SOLUBLE (ASEIN-SILVER) PREPARATION.  
Used in Gonorrhoea (1 to 2 per cent. solution) possesses similar bactericidal action to silver nitrate, but is distinguished by complete absence of irritating properties.  
It is requested that the directions on the boxes for making solutions shall be implicitly followed.

**CHINA EXPORT, IMPORT & BANK CO.,**  
SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA.  
BEWARE OF SPURIOUS IMITATIONS!

**KUHN & KOMOR,**  
JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS,  
21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,  
35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA  
and  
35, DIVISION STREET, KOBE.

**THE GRILL ROOM,**  
2, QUEEN'S ROAD.

**THE LEADING CATERERS**  
ON  
TUESDAYS,  
GREEN TURTLE STEAKS for DINNER,  
GREEN TURTLE SOUPS for DINNER.

**SALADS AND DELICIOUS ENTREES** sent to PRIVATE HOUSES at shortest notice.  
WEDDINGS, PRIVATE PARTIES, TIFINS AND DINNERS a Speciality.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1896. [67]

**CARBOLINUM-AVENARIUS**  
USED FOR 20 YEARS.  
With the Utmost Success.

Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus Rot and Dampness.

Sole Agents for China,  
**SCHLEE & Co.**  
Hongkong, 15th May 1896. [33]

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT).  
THE Company's Steamship.

"NANCHANG,"  
Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 6th March.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 24th February, 1897. [351]

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.  
THE Company's Steamship.

"TAIYUAN,"  
Captain Nelson, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 12th March, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 20th February, 1897. [399]

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR BREMEN AND HAMBURG.  
THE Company's Steamship.

"HELENE RICKMERS,"  
Captain Rebellmund, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 18th March.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [370]

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).  
THE Steamship

"TOYO MARU,"  
Captain Hayashi, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 5th March, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [316]

**NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA,**  
(FLORIO & RUBATTINO UNITED COMPANIES.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND BOMBAY.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA.

VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALAO.

Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.

BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.

THE Steamship

"LETIMBRO,"  
Captain Belito, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at Noon.

At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.

For Further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1897. [381]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"SWATOW,"  
Captain P. Jespersen, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1897. [396]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, VIA STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF CALL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship.

"NINGCHOW,"  
H. Willis Jones, Commander, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at 5 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight, &c., apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [374]

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN,"  
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 6th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1897. [397]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"  
Captain G. A. Taylor, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 6th instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers, and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1897. [395]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"  
Captain J. G. Ollivant, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 6th March, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1897. [377]

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"KIOTO MARU,"  
will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 12th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1897. [399]

FOR YOKOHAMA (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"TAIWAN MARU,"  
will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 10th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1897. [400]

**SAILING VESSELS.**

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 At British Ship

"FALLS OF DEE,"  
Lock, Master, shortly expected, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [244]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

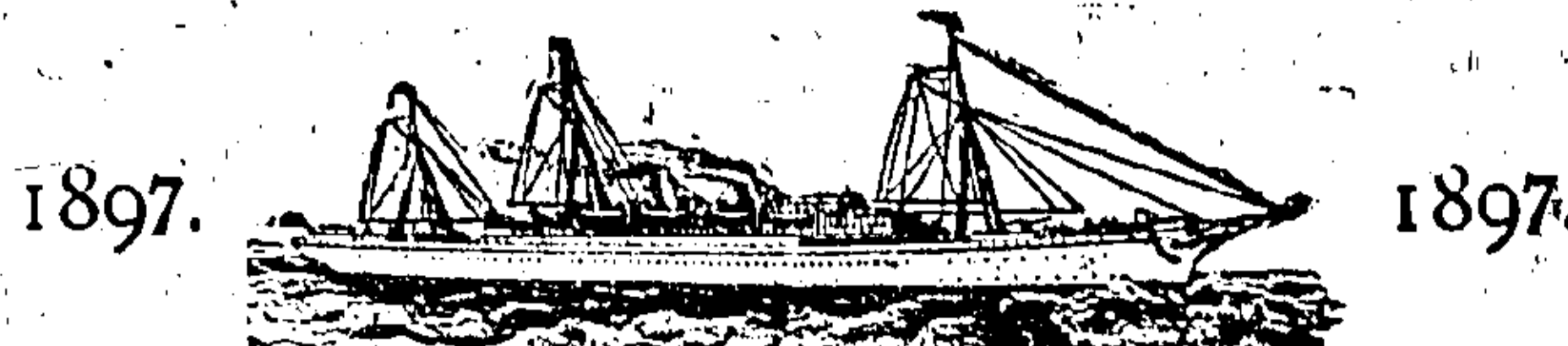
THE American Ship

"COLOMA,"  
Noyes, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1897. [379]

## Mails.

**CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE**



**SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.**  
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)  
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

**EMPRESS OF JAPAN**...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R. ....WEDNESDAY, 17th March.  
**EMPRESS OF CHINA**...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. ....WEDNESDAY, 7th April.  
**EMPRESS OF INDIA**...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. ....WEDNESDAY, 28th April.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates; Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan.

**CIRCULAR PACIFIC TOUR TICKETS** Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney Australia, via Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong via Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for 9 months, £100.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,  
Paddar's Street.  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1897. [3]

**U. S. MAIL LINE.**

**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

**City of Peking** (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) ..... Tuesday, 23rd March, at Noon.

**China** (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ..... Tuesday, 13th April, at Noon.

**Pera** (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) ..... Saturday, 1st May, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF PEKING,"  
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA AND YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 23rd March, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, &c. Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular fare.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and name will be received at the Company's Office until five P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 24th February, 1897.

**F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,**  
SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,  
COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS,  
NAVAL CONTRACTORS  
AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

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Sole Agents for FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM and P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUOR SCOTCH WHISKY, &c.

EVERY KIND OF SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK.

AT REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1897. [69]

## Mails.

**NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES**

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON \$400.  
Excellent accommodation. First-class Table, DOCTOR and STEWARDESSE carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK \$350.  
The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA \$225.  
Rates of Passage to other Ports on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

**Tacoma** ..... 2,540 Tons ..... Tuesday ..... May 9.

**Victoria** ..... 3,167 Tons ..... Tuesday ..... May 23.

**Olympia** ..... 2,608 Tons ..... Tuesday ..... April 13.

**Everett** ..... 3,601 Tons ..... Tuesday ..... May 4.

THE Steamship

"TACOMA,"  
Captain T. A. Whittier, R.N.R., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 9th March, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.) and TACOMA (Wash.), via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [4]



**THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship

"ROHILLA,"  
Captain F. J. Cole, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for HOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 11th March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. This Steamer also connects at Bombay with the S.S. India leaving that Port on the 3rd April for London.

Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 25th February, 1897. [15]

**NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.**

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS:

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

**Sachsen** ..... Tuesday ..... 30th March.

**Bayern** ..... Tuesday ..... 27th April.

**Prinz Heinrich** ..... Tuesday ..... 13th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1897, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "SACHSEN," Captain H. Supper, with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at HAMBURG and BREMEN.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 27th March. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 A.M. on Monday the 29th March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on Monday, the 29th March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than £2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1897. [390]

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